

Claims:

1. A method for capture of ansamitocins onto silica gel achieving concentration and purification.
- 5 2. A method whereby no evaporative steps are required in the isolation process.
3. A method for purification of solvent extracted broth by column or batch treatment with activated carbon, using a solvent system that retains impurities but not ansamitocins.
- 10 4. A method for purification of toluene extract by column or batch treatment with activated carbon in a toluene/polar alcohol mixture.
5. A method of purification of eluate from silica chromatography by column or batch treatment with activated carbon, using a solvent system that retains impurities but not ansamitocins.
- 15 6. A method of purification of eluate from silica chromatography by column or batch treatment with activated carbon, in a toluene/polar alcohol mixture.
7. A method for crystallisation of ansamitocins using a halogenated hydrocarbon and a polar solvent.